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Napa Valley. After perusing *Napa Valley*, a new book of photographs by father and son team Gerald and Marc Hoberman, armchair travelers may soon find themselves bound for the Wine Country. With cameras in tow, the Hobermans floated in hot air balloons, headed underground into wine caves and crossed countless miles of countryside. The result is a finely-produced book with 200 full-color images that capture the spirit of the Napa Valley region, its culture and its living icons. The accompanying text, written by Napa natives Jan Austerman and Rebecca Yerger, is well researched and entertaining. **ISBN: 0-972-9822-6-4.**

Images of America: Vallejo. Founded in 1850 as California's state capital, the city of Vallejo has a rich past. Executive director of the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum James E. Kern brings its fascinating history to life in his new book, *Images of America: Vallejo*. He weaves intriguing stories with photographs from his museum's archives and from the collections of the *Vallejo Times-Herald* and the U.S. Navy. Copies of this comprehensive visual narrative are available at several Vallejo locations as well as by phone and over the Internet. 888/313-2665. **ISBN: 0738529095.**

The Food of Fisherman's Wharf: Eating and Cooking from San Francisco to Monterey. The Food of Fisherman's Wharf: Eating and Cooking from San Francisco to Monterey, to be published in February 2005, is bound to become a valuable resource for locals and visitors alike. The portable paperback features reviews of dozens of eateries, from the seafood stall on San Francisco's Taylor Street to the bay-view café near fabled Cannery Row. Along with the descriptions of each restaurant's food, ambience and features, there are plenty of full-color photographs, along with some intriguing black-and-white archival images. **ISBN: 0-9674898-9-X.**

Pier Fishing in California. It's not only anglers who rave about *Pier Fishing in California*. History buffs find Ken Jones' book a treasure-trove of little-known facts about the state's early wharves and piers, and it's a great resource for coastal travelers. The first edition became a bible for fans of pier fishing. The vastly expanded second edition features descriptions of 113 piers between the Mexican and Oregon borders, with 350 new photos, illustrations and maps. The range of information is astonishing: from facts about the rich and diverse culture surrounding California's piers, to illustrations of the hundred most commonly caught pier species. **ISBN: 1929170092.**

Golden Gate Trailblazer. Golden Gate Trailblazer: Where to Hike, Walk, Bike in San Francisco and Marin, by local authors Jerry and Janine Sprout, is the most comprehensive guide available for the region's great outdoors. The second edition — with new maps, photographs and features — is an indispensable guide to the peaks,

beaches, forests, waterfalls, woodlands, lakes and lagoons in the area, not to mention its cultural attractions, curiosities and historic sites. The book is packed with essential information on camping, restaurants, visitor centers, hotels, dog-friendly destinations, stress-free family adventures, and more. **ISBN: 0-9670072-7-5.**

Wild Dolphins and Whales of Southern California (DVD). Five years in the making, Wild Dolphins and Whales of Southern California is an ode to ocean life. Filming from land, air, sea ... and underwater ... amateur filmmaker David Anderson has captured unforgettable images of many species of whale and dolphin. Anderson, marine naturalist and leader of dolphin- and whale-watching excursions, hopes the film will play a part in educating viewers about the need for ocean conservation. Available at www.dolphinsafari.com/video.html.

Day Hikes on the California Southern Coast. The Southern California coast boasts some of the most diverse and scenic geography in the state. *Day Hikes on the California Southern Coast* will lead adventurers along beaches and headlands, estuaries and coves, caves and cliffs, waterfalls and canyons. The guide, written by veteran hiker Robert Stone, features 100 day hikes along 238 miles of coastline from Ventura County down to the Mexican border. For each hike there's a description, map and other essential details, so hikers can pick the trip that best suits their fancy and ability. **ISBN: 157342045X.**